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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Prior to the examination of the above-identified  
application, please enter the following Preliminary Amendment:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph on page 8, lines 7-  
28 as follows:

In formulae 2 to 5,  $x_1^-$  and  $x_2^-$  represent the same or  
different counter ions as in Formula 1. Examples of such  
counter ions are inorganic ions such as hexafluoro phosphoric  
acid ion, halogen ion, phosphoric acid ion, perchloric acid  
ion, periodic acid ion, hexafluoro antimononic acid ion,  
hexafluoro stannic acid ion, fluoroboric acid ion, and  
hexafluoroboric acid ion; organic ions such as thiocyanic acid  
ion, benzenesulfonic acid ion, naphthlenesulfonic acid ion, p-  
toluenesulfonic acid ion, alkylsulfonic acid ion,  
benzenecarbonic acid ion, alkylcarbonic acid ion,  
trihaloalkylcarbonic acid ion, alkylsulfonic acid ion,